

**RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF NURSE REGISTRATION AND NURSING
EDUCATION**

MINUTES OF MEETING

OPEN SESSION

July 12, 2010

The Open Session of the Rhode Island Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education was called to order at 8:30 am on the above date in room 401, Department of Health, three Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Open Meetings Law, so called, and other applicable sections of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island as amended.

RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF NURSE REGISTRATION AND NURSING

Jeannine Borozny, RN

Genevieve Rodrigues, LPN

Sandra Mergerdichian, RN, MS Vice President

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Joslin Leasca, RN, MS, RNP, President

Cristiana Rosa, MS, RN, PCNS

Carol Cairns, RN

Kristen Young, RN

Anne Tierney, RN, CRNA, Secretary

Peggy Matteson, RN, PhD

Carol Cairns RN, MS

BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Linda Twardowski, RN,MS

Linda Damon, RN,MS

Michelle Cahill, LPN

Manuella Reposa

Michael Gerhardt

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Pamela McCue, RN, MS Director

Linda Tetu Mouradjian, RN, Compliance Office

1. ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

Ms Leasca called the meeting to order at 8:30 am. A quorum was established at this time.

2. PRESENTATION OF MINUTES OF OPEN SESSION OF June 14, 2010

On motion of Ms Borozny, and seconded by Ms Rodrigues it was unanimously voted to accept the minutes of June 14, 2010 as presented..

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT –No report.

4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms McCue informed the Board of the investigation the Department is conducting regarding practices/providers that have used non-FDA approved intrauterine devices (IUDs). She stated that ten practices/providers have come forward and their names are posted on the Health Department's website. Any RNs or RNP's that are involved will be forwarded to the Board.

Ms McCue described the process that "unofficial results" are available (for an additional fee) for candidates that have taken the NCLEX and can be accessed 24 hours after taking the test. Ms McCue stressed that these are "unofficial" and a license is only granted after the Board receives "official results" that are hard copy and mailed to the Board staff. This may take up to two weeks after a candidate takes the NCLEX exam.

Pam informed the education subcommittee that she will be scheduling a meeting with them in August and reminded the Board that there is no full August Board meeting. The next meeting of the Board will be September 13, 2010.

5. BUSINESS

a. Nursing Rules and Regulations proposed amendments

The work of the sub committee continues on this. The goal is to have a draft to the Board for discussion and vote at the September 13th

meeting.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS-

Ms Leasca called upon Dean Williams to announce and describe the pilot project between RIC/RIH regarding a dedicated educational unit (DEU). Dr Williams referred to University of Portland's work. Students will be assigned a specific clinical instructor, who is a staff member on this unit, for a one-on-one experience throughout their clinical rotation. Students will remain with their clinical instructor and may even rotate to "off shifts" with them. A Faculty member will oversee this and most of the time will be on the unit. Staff wanting to be clinical instructors will be participating in workshops. Clinical instructors will have had two years of clinical experience. Dean Williams answered questions from the Board and the public regarding this pilot project. Dr Matteson thanked Dr Williams for her presentation and innovative approach to nursing education.

Donna Policastro, Executive Director, RISNA announced that in early June, the proposed Charter School received provisional approval. The goal for the nursing charter school is to open in September 2011 with 160 10th grade students. She thinks that this is the first high school of its kind in the country.

Ms Policastro also spoke about Blue Cross/Blue Shield and their interpretation/restrictions on the NP role. She stated that BC/BS has a very different interpretation of collaboration. RISNA would like to

have the definition of collaboration looked at by the Board. Ms McCue discussed the need to provide guidance regarding the definition of collaboration.

7. ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Ms. Cairns, seconded by Ms. Mergerdichian, it was unanimously voted to move into Executive Session pursuant to 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(1) of the Rhode Island General Laws for the discussion of job performance, character, physical or mental health of applicants for licensure and licensees and for discussion of investigatory proceedings relating to misconduct by applicants licensure and licensees, and investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct. The Open Session adjourned at am.

8. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION FOR PRESENTATION OF FINAL ACTIONS

Ms Mergerdichian called the Open Session back to order at 4:00pm.

9. VOTE TO SEAL MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTIONS OF 42-46-5 OF THE RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS

On motion of Ms Rodrigues, seconded by Ms Megerdichian , it was unanimously voted to keep confidential all matters discussed in the Executive Session and to seal those minutes in as much as fitness

for licensure and ongoing disciplinary matters were addressed.

10. PRESENTATION OF FINAL ACTIONS

The Board voted the following final actions

Karen O'Rourke, RN -2 year probation on her registered nurse license

Kathleen Kiesa, RN-unrestricted license

The following cases were voted a finding of No Unprofessional Conduct

RN10-024 RN10-043

RN10-002 RN10-044

PN10-016 RN10-035

RN09-082 RN10-052

RN09-062 RN10-053

RN10-042 RN10-059

RN10-046 RN09-099

RN10-020 RN10-045

RN10-026 RN10-023

PN10-030 RN10-058

RN09-025

RN09-052

RN10-054

RN10-080

RN10-055

RN10-056

11. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Ms Borozny, and seconded by Ms Cairns, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 4:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Anne Tierney, RN, CRNA, Secretary